SADASYATILAKA T. K. VELU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): Is it not the practice in British India to appoint I. C. S. officers as Director of Industries?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA G. PARAMESWARAN PILLAI: Yes, Sir.

Ocean Current.

143 ***MR. C. JEBAMONY NADAR**: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether there is any under-sea current dangerous to sea bath at Muttam;

(*b*) whether any accident was reported last year; and

(*c*) whether any caution board is put up near the dangerous zone?

MR. P. G. NARAYANAN UNNITHAN (*Excise Commissioner*): (*a*) As Muttam is not a port, no readings of the current have been taken so far.

(*b*) No accident was reported last year; but an accident was reported this year.

(*c*) No.

Cardamom cultivation in Kottayam Division.

144 ***MR. K. P. KOCHUKORA THARAKAN** (*Kunnatnad* cum *Parur*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether a resolution has been passed in the Sri Mulam Assembly re: the registry of lands fit for cardamom cultivation in the Kottayam Division;

(*b*) if so, the action taken thereon and the stage at which it is at present; and

(*c*) if not, the reason for not taking any action?

RAO BAHADUR T. V. VENKATESWARA AIYAR (*Conservator of Forests*): (*a*) No; but a resolution was passed by the Sri Mulam Assembly in 1936 regarding the lease of cardamom lands in the Kanni Elam Tract.

(*b*) Pursuant to the above resolution, action was taken and ultimately 700 acres of land in the Karimannur pakuthi and 200 acres of land in the Karikode pakuthi were leased out by public auction for cardamom cultivation.

(*c*) This does not arise in view of answer to part (*b*) of the question.

MR. K. P. KOCHUKORA THARAKAN: ദേവികുളം ഡിവിഷനോടടുത്തും കോട്ടയം ഡിവിഷനോടടുത്തും കിടക്കുന്ന ഏലഭൂമികളെപ്പറ്റിയല്ലയോ അസംബ്ളിയിൽ റസല്യൂഷൻ പാസാക്കിയതു്?

RAO BAHADUR T. V. VENKATESWARA AIYAR: അല്ല.

MR. KOTTALIL P. ABRAHAM (*Muvattupuzha* cum *Devicolam*): May I know whether Government have considered the question of registering lands in the Kottayam Division for cardamom cultivation?

RAO BAHADUR T. V. VENKATESWARA AIYAR: Yes, Sir.

The Ceramic Factory at Kundara.

145 ***MR. K. P. KOCHUKORA THARAKAN**: Will the Government be pleased to state whether there is any proposal to hand over the management of the Government Ceramic Factory at Kundara to any individual, and whether any one has applied to them for the same?

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MR. E. I. CHACKO : The answer is in the negative.

Ceramic Factory at Kundara.

146 ***MR. K. P. KOCHUKORA THARAKAN** : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether they have handed over the management of the Ceramic Factory at Kundara to any private agency ;

(*b*) if not, whether there is any proposal to do so ;

(*c*) whether they have made any changes in regard to the administration of the said factory ; and

(*d*) if not, whether any changes are proposed to be made ?

MR. E. I. CHACKO : (*a*) to (*c*) No.

(*d*) Government have under consideration some proposals for improvement of the administration.

MR. KANNANTHODATH JANARDANAN NAIR (*Karunagapalli* cum *Kartikapalli*) : May I know with reference to answer to part (d) the nature of the proposals under the consideration of Government for the improvement of the administration of the factory ?

PRESIDENT : Order, order. That question cannot be asked.

MR. KANNANTHODATH JANARDANAN NAIR : May I know whether the honorable member is aware of any previous administrative experience of the present Controller of the Ceramic Factory before he came and took charge of the factory ?

MR. E. I. CHACKO : He was in charge of the Ceramic section of the Industries Department of the Benares University. He was there holding a very responsible position as the Head of that branch.

MR. KANNANTHODATH JANARDANAN NAIR : May I know what exactly his position was in the Ceramic Department of the University ?

MR. E. I. CHACKO : He was conducting investigations and experiments in Ceramics and was also in charge of the administration of that section.

MR. P. SIVARAMA PILLAI (*Meenachil* cum *Todupuzha*) : May I know whether there is any section as Industries Department in the Benares University ?

MR. E. I. CHACKO : There is not a regular department as the Industries Department. But Mr. Doger Singh was in charge of the administrative affairs of the Ceramic section of the University.

MR. P. SIVARAMA PILLAI : May I know whether he was not employed in teaching the students alone there ?

MR. E. I. CHACKO : I am not aware of that.

Sales by public auction.

147 ***MR. C. JEBAMONY NADAR** : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether the proclamations of sale by public auction of Government lands in the taluks of Thovala and Agastisvaram under Rule 18 of the Rules passed by His Highness the Maharaja under Section 7 of the Land Assignment Act are being published in Tamil as required by sub-rule (ii) ;

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